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1. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS REGARDING INVITATION TO AN AMERICAN PARTICIPANT WHOSE LOCAL EXPENSES WOULD BE BORNE BY ORGANIZERS.

2. WE HAD LEARNED FROM SCIENCE COUNSELOR RAJACIC ABOUT A MONTH AGO THAT GOY EMBASSY HAD INVITED PROF. F. MACHLUNG, ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT PRINCETON, BUT THAT HE HAD TO DECLINE BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENT. BEFORE DEPARTING ON VACATION, RAJACIC WAS ENGAGED IN TRYING TO FIND ANOTHER CANDIDATE. SINCE HE IS STILL AWAY, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE SENT OTHER NAMES TO BELGRADE.

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3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFAIRGRAM, WE WERE ALERTED BY

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES THAT, IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION FROM SERBIAN ACADEMY PRESIDENT SAVIC, NAS HAD SENT CABLE JULY 30 DESIGNATING PROF. THAYER SCUDDER, DIVISION

OF HUMANITIES AT CALTECH, AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ORGANIZERS WOULD ABSORB LOCAL COSTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, NAS HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF SCUDDER'S PARTICIPATION IN FORM OF A LETTER FROM KRSTO BULAJIC, ADDRESSED TO SCUDDER, ASKING HIM TO COMPLETE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS APPLICATION. ALTHOUGH LOCAL EXPENSES NOT MENTIONED IN BULAJIC LETTER, NAS ASSUMING ORGANIZERS PREPARED TO MEET THESE COSTS.

4. CONFERENCE BROCHURE STATES THAT ORGANIZERS WILL BEAR COSTS OF A FOUR-DAY STAY FOR ONE "REPRESENTATIVE" OF EACH COUNTRY TO THIS NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE. THIS OFFER PRESUMABLY WILL APPLY TO PROF. SCUDDER. WE THEREFORE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO CONTACT PROF. RAYMOND VERNON, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AS REQUESTED IN REFAIRGRAM. MOREOVER, SHOULD GOY BE WILLING TO COVER EXPENSES OF MORE THAN ONE AMERICAN, WE BELIEVE THE INVITATION SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY. SISCO

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